Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2003. The fee for addition of new claims (or conversion of claims from dependent form to independent from) is included herewith.

Claims 1-26 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-26. Claims 27-34 have been added.

Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dynamic Access® Technology, 3Com Technical Paper, hereinafter Dynamic Access in view of Davis et al., U.S. Patent 5,937,160. The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Dynamic Access Paper describes a method for updating the configuration of a specification of a computer. Davis et al., describes a method for updating hypertext documents by electronic mail.

Claims of the present invention use a administration email to set location values into the configuration specification of a computer. The use of email to update the configuration specification significantly simplifies the updating of the configuration specification of the computer. Maintenance costs to reconfigure computers by hand are significant. This is especially the case for mobile computing where the computers can be at remote locations.

Claims 1-26 are believed to be allowable since there is believed to be no suggestion to combine the Davis et al, and Dynamic Access Technology references. The Davis et al, and Dynamic Access Technology refer to two different types of software. The Davis et al, system describes a system for updating a hypertext document such as a web pages using electronic mail. The Dynamic Access Technology reference describes a method for updating a configuration specification of a computer. Since these references deal with two different types of software applications it would not be obvious to combine these references to produce the present claimed invention. One would not think to use a software method such as that of Davis et al., which deals with way of updating hypertext programs in combination with the system for configurating a specification of a computer. For this reason claims 1-26 are believed to be allowable as such is respectfully requested.

Claims 27-34 are newly added. Claim 27 now states that the location settings are selectable during computer startup by the user. Having the settings selectable during startup prevents the requirement for rebooting the computer before being able to use the location values. Claims 27-34 are believed to be non-obvious over the cited prior art and for this reason to be allowable.

The references cited by the Examiner but not relied upon have been reviewed, but are not believed to render the claims unpatentable, either singly or in combination.
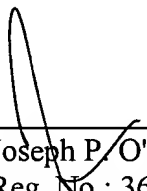
In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The appropriate fees are included herewith. The commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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